Reconstituation of Air India and Indian Airlines

2487. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to reconstitute Indian Airliness and Air India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Government has re-constituted the Boards of Air India Limited and Indian Airlines Limited w.e.f. 1242.96 as under:—

Air India Limited

1.	Shri P.V. Jayakrishnan Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation	Part-time Chairman
2.	Shri M.P. Mascarenhas,	MD. Air India Ltd.,
3.	Shri Anil Baijal	Chairman & Managing Director, Indian Airlines Limited.
4.	Shri P. K. Brahma	Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation
5.	Shri D. V. Gupta	Chairman, Airports Authority of India
6.	Chairman. ICICI	

Indian Airlines Limited

1.	Shri Anil Baijal,	Chairman & Managing Director
2.	Shri M.P. Mascarenhas,	MD. Air India Limited
3.	Shri A.P. Singh	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation
4.	Shri P.K. Brahma	Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor Ministry of Civil Aviation
5.	Shri D.V. Gupta	Chairman, Airports Authority of India
6.	Chairman, IDBI	

It has also been decided to appoint four Functional Directors and five Non-Official Directors each in the two Boards.

Upgradation of Ahmedabad Airport

2488. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of development and upgradation of Ahmedabad Airport;

(b) whether a delegation of MPs from Gujarat had submitted a memorandum during October, 1997;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken so far in the matter with the latest position?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Ahmedabad Airport is being upgraded in phases to international standards for the operation of B-747 class of aircraft. In phase-I, the runway is being strengthened and extended to 11500' alongwith associated payment works. The work has been awarded and is scheduled to be completed by November, 2000.

Proposed Investment in Airports

2489. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: